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Kristy A. Campbell et al.

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Art Unit: 2818

For: METHOD OF FORMING NON-
VOLATILE RESISTANCE VARIABLE
DEVICES

Examiner: D. Vu

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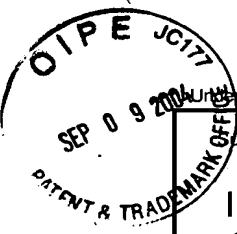
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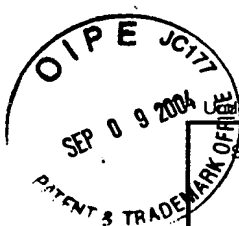
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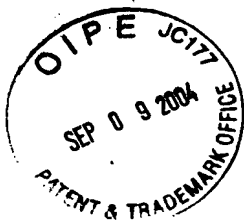
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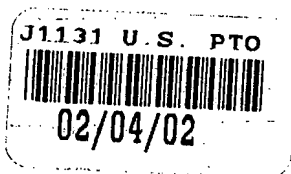
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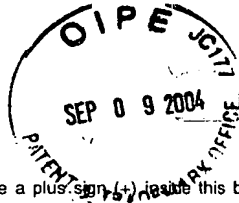
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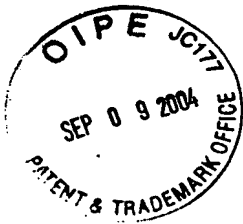
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APPENDIX A

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Angell, Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem. 43 (1992) 693-717: this document generally relates to, inter alia, the presence of ion conductors in solids.

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Asokan, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 62 (1989) 808-810: this document generally relates to, inter alia, $\text{Ge}_x\text{Se}_{100-x}$ glasses and their transition from semiconductor-like material to metal-like material.

Baranovskii and Cordes, J. Chem. Phys. 111 (1999) 7546-7557: this document generally relates to, inter alia, ionic glasses and conduction (percolation theory).

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Bernede, Phys. Stat. Sol. (a) 57 (1980) K101-K104: this document generally relates to, inter alia, metal-Ag₂Se-P systems.

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*Boolchand and Bresser, Nature 410 (2001) 1070-1073: published April 26, this document generally relates to, inter alia, Ag₂Se as an electrolyte additive to glass, e.g., GeSe₄. Ge₃₀Se₇₀ glass was found not to work well because of Ag₂Se crystallization.

*Boolchand, et al., J. Optoelectronics and Advanced Materials, 3 (September 2001), 703: this document generally relates to, inter alia, a review of Raman tool scattering of chalcogenide glasses. The floppyness and rigidity is observed. Ge_xSe_{1-x} is disclosed, as is a stoichiometry of Ge₂₅Se₇₅.

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*Boolchand, et al., Phys. Rev. B 25 (1982) 2975-2978: this document generally relates to, inter alia, the examination of GeSe glass having Sn impurities by Mossbauer spectroscopy. Investigations into glass network topology, which has an intrinsically broken bond backbone, suggesting Ge and Se rich clusters.

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*Boolchand and Bresser, Dep. Of ECECS, Univ. Cincinnati 45221-0030: this document generally relates to, inter alia, $\text{Ge}_x\text{Se}_{1-x}$ and the relation of glass transition temperature to Ge concentration in backbone. Although the publication date of this reference is not known to the Applicant, it was revised October 28, 1999 and is believed to be publicly available at the University of Cincinnati, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Computer Science.

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Cahen, et al., Science 258 (1992) 271-274: this document generally relates to, inter alia, chalcopyrite CuInSe_2 glasses.

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Chen and Cheng, J. Am. Ceram. Soc. 82 (1999) 2934-2936: this document generally relates to, inter alia, germanium containing chalcogenides doped with Si_3N_4 .

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*El Ghrandi, et al., Phys. Stat. Sol. (a) 123 (1991) 451-460: this document generally relates to, inter alia, dissolution of Ag into $\text{GeSe}_{5.5}$ glass by flash evaporation.

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*El-Zahed and El-Korashy, Thin Solid Films 376 (November 1,2000) 236-240: this document generally relates to, inter alia, $\text{Ge}_{20}\text{Bi}_x\text{Se}_{80-x}$ film analysis regarding conduction and changes from p to n type.

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*Guin et al., J. Non-Cryst. Sol. 298 (March 28, 2002) 260-269: this document generally relates to, inter alia, germanium selenide (GeSe) glass with low hardness, the mechanical properties of which are investigated. Stoichiometries of the glass are disclosed as being, inter alia, 10/90, 20/80, and 30/70, respectively.

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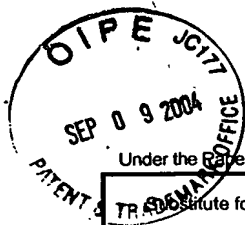
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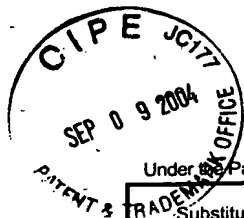
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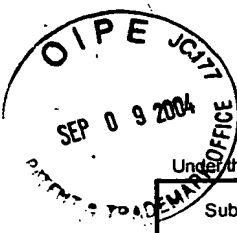
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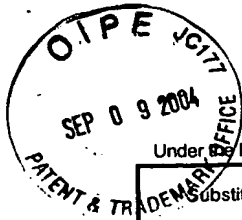
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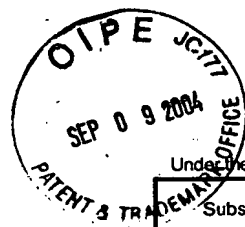
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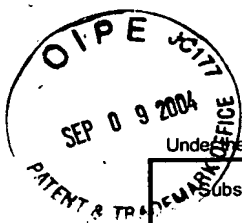
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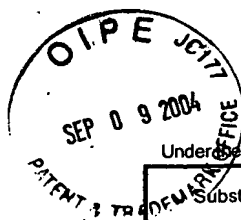
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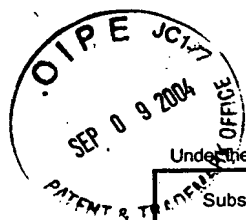
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